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Enclosed please find the following:

- Status Inquiry from Petition to Make Special Because of Applicants Age, including Status Inquiry Reply (2 pages).
- 2.) A copy of Pettition to Make Special as filed on February 13, 2004(5 pages).

3.) Printout of PAIR inquiry (2 pages).

Best regards,

Ronald E. Smith Reg. No. 28,761

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Petition to Make Special

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Date: May 12, 2004

In re application of: Robert Wheeler

Application No.: 10/707,590 Filed: December 23, 2003

For: Self-Generating Air Cushion Vessel

Group No.: 3617

Examiner: Wright, Andrew D. Practitioner's Docket No. 1027.02

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- Almost 3 months have passed since the February 13, 2004 filing of a Petition to Make Special Because
  of Applicants Age. No communication has been received from the Patent and Trademark Office
  indicating action on this petition.
- 2. Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) indicates that no decision on the petition has been issued as of this date (a copy of PAIR printout is enclosed).
- 1. A copy of the petition filed on February 13, 2004 is also enclosed.
- 3. Kindly advise the undersigned of the present status of this petition, by checking the appropriate box on the next page and faxing to (727) 507-8668.

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### TRANSMITTAL OF PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL

- 1. Transmitted herewith is a Petition to Make Special for this application.
- 2. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.102(c), no fee is included with this petition.

Very respectfully,

Signature of Practitioner

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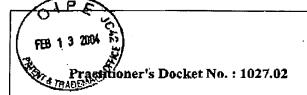
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# PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL BECAUSE OF APPLICANT'S AGE (37 C.F.R. 1.102(c) AND M.P.E.P. § 708.02 IV)

Applicants hereby petition to make this application special because applicants are over 65 years of age.

As a showing of this fact, accompanying this petition is a declaration by each applicant that he is over 65 years of age.

No fee is required with this petition, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(e).

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